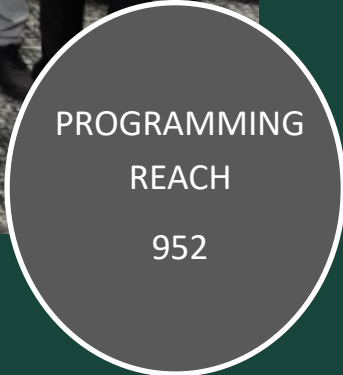
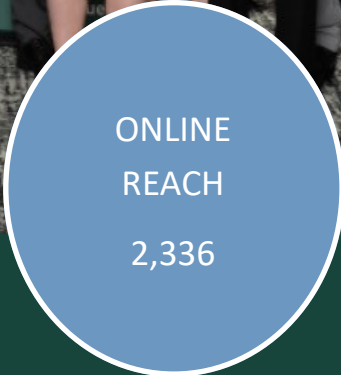


# Cheboygan County 2022-2023 Annual Report

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I'm delighted to share the results of another successful year of partnership between Cheboygan County and Michigan State University (MSU) Extension. Because of your continued support, we've been able to make a difference in the lives of youth, families, businesses, and communities.

MSU Extension offers a broad range of research-based educational outreach to county residents. Over this past year, we've empowered families and individuals to live healthier lives, supported new and local businesses, created opportunities for youth leadership development and career exploration, helped farmers with business management and mental health, and much more. We continue to provide outreach online, hybrid, as well as in-person formats. These options have increased accessibility to Michigan State University resources for your residents. Our staff live and work alongside county residents and are rooted in community relationships and responsive to community needs.

Our partnership with you makes this all possible. On behalf of the MSU Extension team serving Cheboygan County, thank you for another great year. We look forward to your continued support and hope you will be able to join us during one of our upcoming programs.

- Adam Koivisto, District 14 Director



# 4-H



This year was a year of growth for 4-H! Last year we had 9 youth in two organized clubs, and this year we started 6 new clubs and had 77 individual youth enrolled in organized clubs and 125 youth enrolled in 4H. Those 125 youth participated in clubs, livestock clinics, babysitting training, Exploration Days, Capitol Experience, day camps, and more. 4-H also started teaching Life Skills at Compass Academy during the school year and doing STEM activities at Compass Academy during the summer months. We partnered with Catholic Human Services to offer scholarships to Cheboygan youth for 4H travel experiences. We also did kayaking sessions with Up North Prevention and other youth groups. We had one new volunteer last year, and this year we have 10 new volunteers, up from 8 total volunteers last year.



Sew On and So On has been a staple 4-H club in Cheboygan County for 41 years. This club had 5 youth enrolled in 2023 and did everything from homemade pizza to plants, cross stitch, wood crafts, bird houses, recycled crafts, kit assemblies, dried flowers, paintings, holidays crafts, and more.

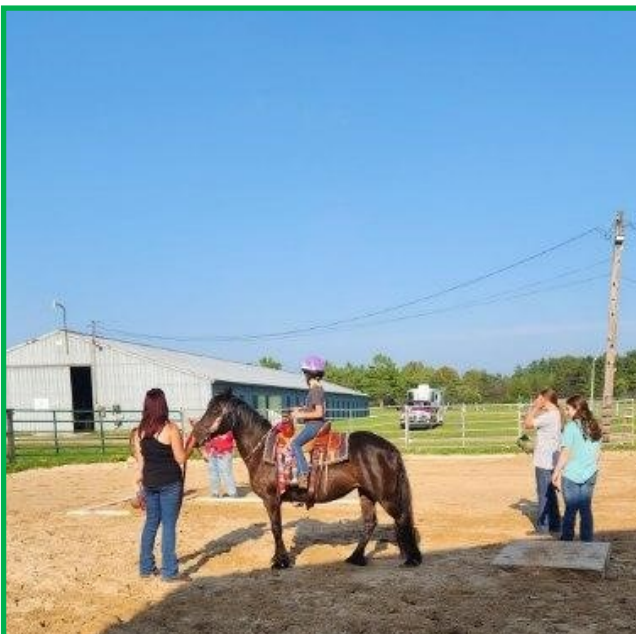


Kounty Kidz is our chicken and rabbit 4-H Club. Chartered in 2008, this club had 11 members this year, up from 5 members last year. They learned the anatomy of their animals as well as how to raise, handle, and show their animals. We had great chicken and rabbit shows at fair this year, along with an extremely fun small animal costume contest.





One of our new animal clubs, the K9 Club had 10 members ages 9-16 this year and taught the youth and their dogs basic obedience commands, dog anatomy, health and nutrition, behavior modifications, first aid, agility, and much more. This club had a fun dog show at fair this year that generated even more interest and recruited more youth to the club.



Mane Squeeze is our new horse club and had 6 youth enrolled ages 7-17. This year was the first year in a long time that we have had a 4-H horse show at fair, and we already have several more interested youth who would like to join next year.



Arts & Crafts was a new short term club that had 11 youth enrolled ages 6-14. This was a test to see if there was enough interest in this type of club, and we hope to make this a permanent club in the future.



# 4-H



Our new Bike Club had 16 youth enrolled, with a core of 6 youth ages 8-12 who actively attended almost every club meeting. Youth enrolled in this club learned how to do bike maintenance and upkeep, bike safety, and rode their bikes around Cheboygan trails. This club donated several of the bikes that they fixed up to public programs like the Cheboygan Public Library and the local marina.



Little Buds & Sprouts was a short term gardening club for youth ages 5-12. There were 15 youth enrolled in this club, and we are looking for another volunteer who can continue to help lead this group in the future.



Computers, Tech, & Robotics Club is our new tech club for youth ages 8-12. This year they worked with computer programming, simple robotics, and other STEM challenges. With 12 active youth participating in this club, they had a lot of fun and look forward to next year.



# 4-H



4-H participated in the Cheboygan Independence Day Parade this year. For the first time in a long time, we had 4-H horses marching in the parade. We also had a lot of bikers, riders, and walkers! The kids had a great time and it was an amazing opportunity to get the word out about 4-H. More than 500 informational postcards and 1 large cooler worth of candy was given out. Thanks to Cheboygan County for this awesome opportunity!



Exploration Days was a big hit again this year. Ten youth from Cheboygan County ages 12-16 attended a 3 day, 2 night stay at the MSU campus where they attended fun sessions and made new friends from all over the state.



4-H worked with CCYLP this year to offer learning resources and education to individual CCYLP clubs. 14 Cheboygan CCYLP youth attended a 4H livestock clinic in Petoskey this year.



# Health and Nutrition



Our Community Nutrition Instructor Marilynn is instructing Teen Cuisine with the students at Wolverine School! Email Marilynn at ellenbe4@msu.edu to learn more about programs like this for your organization.

- **Teen Cuisine**, a nutrition and physical activity education program for teens in sixth through 12th grade. Students learn cooking skills, as well as general information about nutrition, food safety and physical activity.

**“Thanks for showing me how to cut open and eat a mango; I told my mother that I wanted her to buy some for our family to eat . . . I can’t wait to show her how to choose a ripe one and eat it!”**

— Teen Cuisine participant



Wolverine Community Schools

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MSU Extension has presented us with their 6-week Teen Cuisine program for our students! They provide the basics of proper nutrition, food preparation, and tips for lifelong healthy habits. Today the kids played charades for some physical activity and then made a great apple snack with a homemade fruit dip!

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# Child and Family Development



During the month of June, twelve 10–13-year old’s participated in the Babysitting Clinic held at Inland Lakes Elementary. The twelve participants were all eager and ready to learn. During the course we discussed what it takes to be a good babysitter, child development and how to take care of children, the importance of good nutrition, and how to entertain and run their babysitting business. Most importantly, each participant was certified in CPR and First Aid by the American Heart Association. Thank you to Cheboygan County 4-H and Cheboygan County Child Advocacy Council (CCCAC) for making this possible. Every babysitter left the course certified with a backpack provided by CCCAC full of babysitting supplies provided by 4-H. I look forward to more babysitting clinics in the future.

Katie Parr

Child & Family Program Instructor

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# Supporting Food and Agriculture

MSU Extension works to improve farm personnel well-being and income, expand agriculture-related businesses and increase employment opportunities, making agriculture one of the strongest industries within Michigan. Supporting agriculture and helping to improve financial stability and competitiveness has a significant economic impact on Michigan and local communities.

**\$104.7 BILLION**

annual contribution from Michigan's food and agriculture industry

**\$5.13 BILLION**

economic impact of the animal agriculture industry in Michigan

**805,000**

jobs related to the food and animal agriculture industry in Michigan

Partnering with Growers for Timely Research to Address Local Issues

Farm Management  
Over \$1.57 million in tax savings

Smart Gardening  
32,711 article views in 2022

Field Crop Programs  
508,000 indirect  
11,565 direct

Beginner Farmer  
772 participants  
6,071 accessed resources

## Helping Farm Families Transition Farm Businesses

- 168 Attended Educational Programs
- Over 100 Private Sessions
- 35,272 Accessed Written Articles

*"I want you to know that I sincerely appreciate the help you have given us in the farm transition. Thank you for the hope you have given me (personally). I haven't had any for the farm in a long time."*

## Industry Collaborations Focus on Preparedness for

### ERAIL: Emergency Response to Accidents Involving Livestock

- Training of first responders, animal haulers and others on how to properly respond when animals are involved in a traffic accident
- The ERAIL program currently has three trailers fully stocked and deployed in Branch, Jackson and Otsego counties
- 42 counties, 7 other states sent trainees to ERAIL

## MSU Extension Fruit Team Continues Fight Against Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD)

Daily contact with fruit industry, 20 presentations to 500+ growers representing majority of 60,000 acres of susceptible crops has reduced SWD economic impact

- 83% based management decisions on local/regional SWD trap reports and MSU Extension articles
- 69% pruned cherry orchards to open canopies to minimize SWD pressure
- 65% monitored for SWD adults using traps on-farm



# Cheboygan County Office

**This past year Cheboygan County MSU Extension has helped community members through phone, email, Facebook and office walk-ins.**

As MSU Extension continues to bring research and education to citizens across the state, three wonderful resources help reach every community member in our counties:

- **Ask Extension** offers one-to-one answers from MSU Extension experts and Extension Master Gardener volunteers on topics such as lawns, gardening, agriculture, food safety, food preservation, natural resources, community development, youth programming and more! Visit Ask Extension at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/ask-an-expert>
- **The MSU Extension Lawn and Garden Hotline** is made up of Extension Master Gardeners with the knowledge and resources to help community members with questions from “What plant is this?” to “What’s eating my flowers?” Call the hotline at: (888) 678-3464
- **Soil Tests**, available at your local extension office, to learn what vital nutrient your soil is missing for healthy growth in gardens, lawns, and crops. Learn more at: <https://homesoiltest.msu.edu/>



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**Michigan State University Extension helps people improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical needs and issues and opportunities.**

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